(b) and (c) No, Sir. No case of murder of elderly couples living in posh colonies of South and New Delhi was reported in 1992 and 1994, only one was reported in 1993, and the such cases were reported in 1995 (upto 28.2.95). The crime and law and order situation in the Capital is well under control.

(d) Government have taken several steps for the protection of the life and property of the residents of the Capital. These include increased patrolling, posting of pickets at strategic points, strengthening of intelligence machinery, frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals increased surveillance, coordination meetings with the officials of the neighbouring States, training of police officers in handling modern weapons, introduction of scientific methods of investigation, modernisation of communication network etc.

Infiltrators from Pakistan from the sea coast of Gujarat

1356. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN:
JEYHAGHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any action to seal the borders of Gujarat with Pakistan;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are not releasing adequate funds for patrolling by boats on coastal areas of Gujarat; and

(c) what action Government have taken to stop infiltrators from Pakistan by sea coast of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Government have sensitised the State Government as well as all the concerned agencies to maintain a heightened state of alertness and vigilance. Further, the following steps have also been initiated:

(i) sharing of intelligence and coordinated action by the concerned Central & State agencies;

(ii) strengthening and deployment of police|para-military forces at strategic locations;

(iii) intensified patrolling;

(iv) supply of boats|motor-boats for patrolling in riverine|creek areas;

(v) setting up of additional check-posts along the land and coastal borders; and

(vi) supply of various equipments for checking infiltration|smuggling from across the border.

(b) Government has agreed for grant of special financial assistance to the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa to the tune of Rs. 9.56 crores for financing the coastal surveillance scheme, out of which, an amount of Rs. 458.09 lakhs will be released to the Gujarat State.

(c) Intensive surveillance by Naval and Coast Guard ships|air-crafts is being carried, and, in addition, coastal patrolling is being undertaken jointly between Navy/Police/Customs.

Kidnapping in Delhi

1357. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that kidnapping and abduction cases have increased in the capital over the last few months, most of them culminating in the murder of the victims: and